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1. A conference of factory chiefs was held by the Hauptverwaltung Radio und Fernmeldetechnik (HV RFT) 23 April 1954. The following factories were represented:

VEB Fernmeldewerk Arnstadt

"	"	Bautzen
"	"	Leipzig
"	Funkwerk	Zittau
"	"	Koelleda
"	Geraetewerk	Leipzig
"	"	Karl-Marx Stadt
"	"	Thalheim <sup>1</sup>
"	"	Radebeul
"	Signalbauwerk	Berlin/Treptow <sup>2</sup>

2. Discussion centered chiefly on past and future production. No exact figures are available.
3. Scheffler((fnu), assistant head of HV RFT, spoke on the export trade with China. He stated, in connection with the production of the Fernmeldewerke at Arnstadt, Bautzen, and Leipzig, that the export of telephone apparatus was especially

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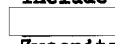
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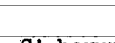
serious. On a recent journey through China, he said that he had seen many telephone exchanges sent from East Germany in which 95% of the equipment had been installed a year and a half ago; because the remaining parts were still lacking, however, this equipment served only as signal and calling apparatus (Signal - und Rufanlagen).

4. On the subject of the drive for consumer goods, Scheffler stated that previously these items were produced from waste material, after normal production quotas had been met. This had now been radically altered. The production of extra consumer goods could now be increased, and the production of new lines with equipment and from materials to be made available, could be started. This would require modifying the plans of most plants, although some had already converted to this type of production. Fernmeldewerk Bautzen was now utilizing additional material as well as waste and rejects in the construction of bicycle generators; Fernmeldewerk Arnstadt had also started production of refrigerators and washing machines.
5. Scheffler accused Party secretaries in the plants of inactivity in recruiting white collar workers for collective farms; so far, in the whole of the radio and telecommunication industry, only three bookkeepers had volunteered for transfer to collective farms.

1.  Comment: The Thalheim plant is a new instrument plant; its products include mainly voltage stabilizers, rectifiers, and measuring instruments.  
 Comment: Possibly identical with Werk II of VEB Messgeraetewerk Zwoenitz.

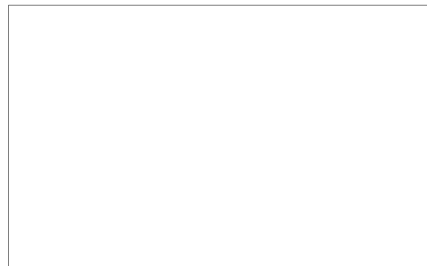
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2.  Comment: Possibly identical with VEB Werk fuer Signal-und Sicherungstechnik, Berlin-Treptow, Elsenstrasse 90/96.

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